

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 505 - SB 530**

February 14, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the General Assembly to convene for a September Session beginning the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day in each odd numbered year and shall be adjourned by September 30 of that same year. Limits new legislation to one bill per Representative and three bills per Senator for a total of 99 new bills being filed during the September Session. All 99 bills must be pre-filed for introduction by noon on the third Thursday of August prior to the September Session. Authorizes any legislation filed during the regular session of that year to be heard and debated during the September Session. Establishes an effective date of January 1, 2018.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Net Impact - \$464,900/  
FY19-20 and Every Two Years Thereafter**

**Assumptions:**

- The first meeting of the September Session will convene on September 3, 2019 and will adjourn by September 30, 2019.
- Any expenditures will be incurred in FY19-20 and every two years afterwards. For purposes of this analysis, the costs are assumed to remain constant.
- Member per diem and travel expenditures are estimated to total \$399,000 which is based on 15 total days per diem and travel over four weeks.
- Additional temporary staff will be needed during this time by the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Senate, the Office of the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and the Office of Legal Services (OLS).
- The Senate Clerk's Office will need six additional bill clerk positions (\$13,440), four proofreader positions (\$4,960), and five sergeant at arms positions (\$7,575) totaling \$25,975 in additional expenditures.
- The House Clerk's Office will need 10 additional bill clerk positions (\$22,400), one proofreader position (\$930), and three engrossing clerk positions (\$3,720) totaling \$27,050 in additional expenditures.
- The OLS will need three word processor positions (\$8,190), three research positions (\$9,923), and two proofreader positions (\$6,510) totaling \$24,623 in additional expenditures.

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- Total expenditures are estimated to be \$476,648 (\$399,000 + \$25,975 + \$27,050 + \$24,623).
- Typically, two standing committees of the General Assembly meet during the month of September at a cost of \$11,776. Since the General Assembly as a whole will be meeting, these annual monthly costs will not be incurred during the September Session resulting in a net increase in state expenditures of \$464,872 (\$476,648 - \$11,776) beginning in FY19-20 and occurring every two years thereafter.
- Based on information provided by the Office of Legislative Administration, the General Assembly's annual budget is approximately \$44,000,000. After all expenditures for the year are calculated, the remaining balance is approximately \$4,900,000. These remaining funds are the contingency for one-time expenditures of equipment replacement and other non-recurring operational requirements. More specifically, in FY15-16 the legislative travel budget was \$2,688,000 of which \$2,631,712 was expended. The remaining \$56,288 are contingency funds to cover session costs should the legislative session extend beyond the anticipated conclusion date and are not available for other travel expenditures.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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